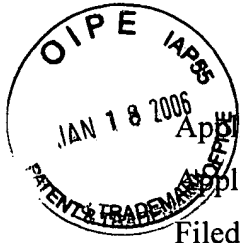


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Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action of September 13, 2005 ("Office Action").

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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